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THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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CLASSES SET TO START

I am glad to announce that amateur radio licencing classed are set to begin on January 20th in our usual room at the college. Room 207B, McIntyre Building. The classes will start at 1930 and run to about 2130 hours at which time we shall retire to the "usual" place for refreshments. All of the material required to pass the Industry Canada examinations will be covered. I do not teach exclusively from any one text book so any book that a student can get hold of will be fine. This is a good opportunity to "recycle" your old manual. Give it to a friend. Cost is still \$60. which covers our room rentals and incidentals.

I received some information from Industry Canada (trust me this is a rare event) and there is a new question bank ready to be published (via their Strategis web site). There should be new exams issued around July of 2000 to reflect the new exam bank. Don't panic.....the questions will not be any more difficult. While you are at their website....download the new regulations too. How many of you know that RIC 25 is no more?

XRC famous again.....many thanks to VE3HZW Mike Wolowich who arranged for an interview on Thunder Bay Television to promote the club and classes. Once again Norm 'XRC stepped into the breach and will be appearing on a TV set near you. Thanks Norm and Mike!

Weather Radio ?

The club received some interesting E-Mail from Environment Canada. They have received some ham gear for the local office and a couple of fellows from the national capitol will be here to supervise the installation. They should be at the club's party on the 9th. Ain't Y2K wonderful?

Speaking of Y2K

And who isn't these days...XRC reports that stations at the local O.P.P. stations are a go and the antennas are up. Rumour has it that a certain wandering ham will make the trip to Armstrong to man the station there. VA3SAM is going to have his hands full supervising him.

And thanks ...to the fella's that produced the RAC and ARES ID picture cards. I can hardly wait to use it to cash a cheque! Seriously, great job and something long needed. The MOT oughta hire Andy.

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Founding President
P. J. (Pat) O'Shea VE3FW

LARC maintains the Club call VE3FW
to honour the memory of our first
President Mr. Pat O'Shea.

Senate
Bill Roberts VE3ARN
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Bill Klemacki VE3AJ
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622-1216
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577-9316
Treasurer: Jan Sokoloski VA3JRS
344-3222

Emergency Coordinator: Randy Gottfred, VA3GOT.....939-2310

Club Repeaters
VE3YQT 147.060 - OFFSET
VE3TBR 146.820 - OFFSET

Next Meeting
[Boston Pizza – December 9]

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm every second Thursday of each month
at Confederation College in room 207B in the McIntyre Building.

*73 and Merry Christmas
to all of our friends
around the world
- from the members of
the LARC*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur
Radio Club held in Room 207B at Confederation
College, Thunder Bay, Ontario on November 11,
1999**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the
President VA3RIM, Ian Mellis with 29 members and
guests in attendance. As this date is Remembrance
Day, a moment of silence was observed especially for
those radio operators who gave their lives for their
country. The meeting started with a round table of
those in attendance introducing themselves and
describing what they have been doing on HF recently.

Minutes of the Meeting held October 14, 1999:

Due to computer problems, the November edition of
"HI-Q" containing the minutes of the last meeting was
not available to those who receive "HI-Q" by email.

Motion: moved by VE3XRC, Norm Bell and
seconded by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski that approval of
the October minutes be deferred to the December
meeting.

Carried.

Correspondence:

-letter of thanks from CNIB for our contribution
-letter from CNIB requesting a contribution for 1999-
2000
-letter from Dr. S. Mansour, Lakehead University

Treasurer's Report: VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski

Balance as of September 30, 1999 \$3,191.61

Income:

Membership Dues	690.00
Bank Interest	.02
Donation	54.89
50/50 Draw	<u>13.50</u>

**Holiday Party at
Boston Pizza Dec. 9,
1999 – Have a safe and
happy Holiday Season**

758.41

Expenses:

Telephone 79.99
 Administration 50.00
 HI-Q 90.97
 ARES 9.20
 Bank Service Charge .60

230.76

Balance as of October 31, 1999 - \$ 3,719.26

Motion: moved by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski and seconded by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried**

Potential Radio Sites: VA3RIM, Ian Mellis and VE3EMI, John Kaleta have been looking at potential sites such as the Thunder Bay Museum, Board of Education Office on Sills Street, Hillcrest High School and Lakehead University. Ian has talked to the appropriate people with the Lakehead Public School Board and there will be no problem with the site on Sills Street of Hillcrest High School. The tower located on top of the Board Office is owned by Thunder Bay Telephone, but is not presently being used. Ian, while at Lakehead University, paid a visit to the Engineering Department and had a talk with Dr. Mansour, Chair, Department of Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Mansour will be our guest speaker at the January, 2000 meeting. It is hoped that the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club and Lakehead University can get together for research and design projects.

Committee Reports:

Equipment: VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson reported that the new antenna for VE3YQT is in and he is presently waiting confirmation from Tower Lite regarding an installation date. The Upsala repeater has been on the air and seems to be working fine. Once the few remaining bugs are worked out, the repeater will be installed at it's permanent location in Upsala.

VE3EMI, John Kaleta is still working on the "box" to utilize one telephone line to serve both VE3YQT and VE3TBR.

Public Service: VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki reported that we have one public service event in November, the O.P.P. parade on Saturday, November 20/99. The

Old Business:

CNIB request for funding: in the past, the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club has made a donation to the CNIB amateur radio program. Due to our pending expenditures on VE3YQT, it was suggested that this request be deferred for the time being.

Motion: moved by VE3GTX, John Watson and seconded by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski that this request from the CNIB amateur radio program be deferred until the spring of 2000.

Carried.

next public service event will be the John Beargrease Sled Dog Race the first weekend of February, 2000.

ARES: VA3GOT, Randy Gottfred reported that the O.P.P. have purchased an HF antenna for the Algoma Street headquarters. VA3TBA, Chris Chadwick is in the process of fabricating some steel plates that can be used for antenna bases to be located on such places as the O.P.P. Detachment on Arthur Street. Randy has been in contact with the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital regarding the necessary arrangements to have an antenna for ARES built into the design of the new hospital. He also had available at the meeting ARES message forms to be used in the event of an emergency.

Classes: VE3SNW, Ed Baumann stated that the new ham classes will start on January 20, 2000 at 7:30 pm in Room 207B, McIntyre Building, Confederation College. The cost of the course will be \$ 60.00 and the books are available at Radio Shack.

CW Classes: VE3XRC, Norm Bell indicated that if the interest is there, he is prepared to conduct CW classes starting the middle of January. They will be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are interested, contact Norm at 577-9316.

December Meeting: will be held on December 9 at Boston Pizza, Arthur Street at 7:30 pm. We are working on a program for the evening. The president says it will be a fun night.

Annual Meeting: will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2000. Tickets will be available at the December meeting at a price of \$ 24.00 per person. Tickets must be paid for and picked up prior to the dinner meeting as they will not be available at the door.

New Business:

Stolen Radio Equipment: VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki reported that one of CRC's repeater sites had been the site of a break and enter. Stolen were two MSR2000 radios, one VHF and one UHF along with the cables etc. Value of the stolen equipment is approximately \$ 8,000.00. If you hear about any of this equipment, please call CRC or Crime Stoppers.

Membership List: In 1995 it was decided that the membership list should be printed in the December and June editions of "HI-Q". A general discussion took place on what form this list should take. Should all the information be published such as email addresses etc. Some concern was raised due to the fact that "HI-Q" is available on the net through the Club's web page.

Motion: moved by VE3SNW, Ed Baumann and seconded by VE3GTX, John Watson that the published membership list contain only members call sign and name.

Carried Unanimously.

Club Jackets: VA3MVR, Mark Vaillant asked about the possibility of acquiring club jackets as there are a number of new members since the last time we purchased jackets and hats.

Motion: moved by VE3GTX, John Watson and seconded by VA3TBA, Chris Chadwick that Mark Vaillant check out the feasibility of jackets and hats.

Carried.

50/50 Draw: winner of the 50/50 draw was Scott Meredith.

Multimetre Seminar: due to the lateness of the hour, VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson proposed that the session

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on multimetres be deferred until Thursday, January 6, 2000. This is the Thursday night before the January meeting.

Adjournment: moved by VA3MOB, Maureen Meredith that the meeting be adjourned.

Learn to use your multi-meter – come on out Thursday January 6 and be amazed!!!!

Late breaking news.....

It was revealed that the new antenna for VE3YQT on Mt. Baldy is scheduled to be installed on DECEMBER 20th. So train your binoculars and telescopes on the "big stick" on that day and see another milestone in LARC history as it happens!

A little explanation ...de Ve3snw

No doubt you are confused about this newsletter. Skip ran into some difficulties and couldn't continue as the editor. He was last seen staring at the charred remains of his motherboard muttering about someone named Wayne. So...in the meantime I will produce this months and maybe the next.....and rumour has it one of the "old ones" will take it over in the new year. Those that remember will recall I was the editor way way back and changed it from the old spirit fluid and stencil method to that newfangled "desktop publishing" on my old trusty "amiga". Them was the days!

**ANNUAL DINNER IN
FEBRUARY DON'T
FORGET YOUR TICKETS**

1999 - 2000 MEMBERSHIP LIST (as of December 2, 1999)

VA3AMY Al Sokoloski
 VA3BEL Vic Bel
 VA3BRN Gerry Burney
 VA3CJJim Cheppenken
 VA3DVE Dave Horne
 VA3EAP Judy LeFevre
 VA3ECS Tim Borg
 VA3GOT Randy Gottfred
 VA3JMS John Sacek
 VA3JRS Jan Sokoloski
 VA3KEE Tom Kukkee
 VA3KI Bill Mathews
 VA3KSP Keith Paris
 VA3MOB Maureen Meredith
 VA3MVR Mark Vaillant
 VA3NES William Bell
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 VA3PRD Rogers Palahnuk
 VA3RCR Fred Erickson
 VA3RIM Ian Mellis
 VA3ROM Robert Mazur
 VA3TBA Chris Chadwick
 VA3TFS Terry Saunders
 VA3WWA Mike Jarzebinski
 VA3XRM Rod McLeod
 VE3AFF Cliff Grove
 VE3AJ Bill Klemacki
 VE3AKM Allan Kartinen
 VE3AVS Dave Kimpton
 VE3AXL Phil Moorey
 VE3AZB Alan Bate
 VE3BBS Skip Wright
 VE3BCD Laurie Bridgett
 VE3BHN Bob Gillespie
 VE3BOG John Boggett
 VE3CAP Don Wright
 VE3CH Ray Greer
 VE3CLV Cody Vaillant
 VE3DDZ Dolores Fiske
 VE3EDX Mike Skillen
 VE3EDZ Ray Forslund
 VE3EFZ Ken Rusnak
 VE3EMI John Kaleta
 VE3FLB Rob Van Wyck
 VE3GTX John Watson

VE3HZW Mike Wolowich
 VE3ICY Glen Wallace
 VE3INI Andy Malcolm
 VE3JQ Keith Fiske
 VE3KRH Steve Robb
 VE3KRI Deb Robb
 VE3KRM Martin DeHoop
 VE3KRV Vlad Kruzick
 VE3KV Len Catillo
 VE3KVJ Ken Wright
 VE3LMI Rob Shaw
 VE3LMM Bill Astle
 VE3LMT Bob Hartley
 VE3LMV Bill Wainio
 VE3MAJ Bob Barker
 VE3MGJ Marion Grove
 VE3MJN Marion Nawrocki
 VE3NCN Joan Klemacki
 VE3NHX Lindo Scalese
 VE3NPS Nestor Procup
 VE3OPF Axel Rehfuhs
 VE3OPI Richard Barry
 VE3OTK Kelly Jordan
 VE3OTZ Frank Pianka
 VE3PD Pat Doherty
 VE3PHL John Kuzma
 VE3RMM Ryan Moore
 VE3RUE Eric Rupprecht
 VE3RVA Bob Hansen
 VE3SNW Ed Baumann
 VE3TKA Terry Stewardson
 VE3TRE Gwen Anderson
 VE3UDY Judy Pianka
 VE3UQM Walter Sitko
 VE3VER Verna Bel
 VE3VGV Martin Cheredaryk
 VE3VUK Mark Vukovich
 VE3WRZ Dave Ross
 VE3XET Eric Todd
 VE3XLB Linda Bell
 VE3XRC Norman Bell
 VE3XT Bill Unger
 VE3YTB Tom Porett
 VE3ZG Mike Nawrocki
 VE4UX Bill Haskin
 VE7YQT Bill Roberts

